

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Harvest Festival  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

## The Gathering

Music Group Introit: Oh the earth is the Lord's (Scotland)

*Words of welcome*

### Hymn 290

*Please stand*

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.  
*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.  
*All good gifts...*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.  
*All good gifts...*

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **Opening Responses**

From the rising of the Sun to its going down  
the name of the Lord be praised.

Lord of the heavens, for the wonder of Creation  
**we praise you**

Lord of all nations, for the richness and variety of our harvest  
**we praise you**

Lord of all our lives, for the power and promise of your love  
**we praise you.**

**Lord of this place, we give you thanks  
for creating, sustaining and enriching all life.  
Amen**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

We gather in thanksgiving for the many blessings of this life:  
for food, shelter, family, friends and all that we are grateful for.

And we gather in sorrow for the ways in which we have failed to  
share God's abundant harvest with others.

God has blessed us,  
but still God's children go hungry.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

God has blessed us,  
but still the poor cry out for justice.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

God has blessed us,  
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

The God of all mercies forgive you your sins,  
and pour upon you the healing spirit of love, peace and  
gentleness. **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.**  
To God be glory forever  
**To God be glory forever**  
Alleluia Amen  
**Alleluia Amen**  
**Alleluia Amen**  
**Alleluia Amen**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.**  
To God be glory forever  
**To God be glory forever**  
Alleluia Amen  
**Alleluia Amen**  
**Alleluia Amen**  
**Alleluia Amen**

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**  
To God be glory forever  
**To God be glory forever**  
Alleluia Amen  
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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

## The Prayer for the Day

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-11

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*The gospel is announced:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel reading: Mark 4:26-29

Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know

how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Talk**

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel*

Our HARVEST prayers will give thanks for all we HAVE, commend to God all who STARVE, and ask for God's guidance to SHARE.

*These responses may be used*

Lord of the harvest  
**Hear our prayer**

*Please pray for those who are sick or in particular need:*

*Natalia Stoneman, Jemima, Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel,  
Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Polly Friedhoff, Bob Southgate, Benji,  
Margaret Whipp, Astrid Brooke, Caroline Winwood, Penny Champion,  
Doreen Jarvis.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Delia Foster, Martin Davis, Jim Godfrey.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

*Charles Burrows, Henry Norton, Francis Wells, Margaret Miles,  
Olive Bailey, Anthony Sims, Elizabeth Wells, Edith Nicholls,  
Thomas Keith Blake, William Jonathon Blake,  
Kathleen Baker, Alan Jeffcote.*

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Hymn 282**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all be safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified  
in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

*Henry Alford (1810-1871)*

### **The Bringing Forward of Symbols of the Harvest**

We bring an offering of soil from the earth, the precious element that sustains life, and symbol of God's creation and goodness.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

We bring an offering of flowers and fruit from orchards and gardens, symbol of the fruitfulness of the earth.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

We bring an offering of a spade, symbol of the hard work of farmers everywhere.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

We bring an offering of seeds for next year's crops, symbol of the trust we put in God.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer**

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Please remain standing or sit or kneel, as you are most comfortable*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.  
You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.  
You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

*Bells are rung*

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

*Bells are rung*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our saviour taught us, so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

*slowly*

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He  
Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a-way the sin, the sin of the world.  
takes a - way the sin of the world.

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*This is God's table and all are welcome. Please follow the directions of the steward and follow the one-way system back to your seat. Those sitting towards the back will be invited to come forwards first. The chalice is being administered from the Lady Chapel step. If you wish to receive the chalice, please hold the base of the chalice and guide it towards your lips – the person administering the chalice will not let go of it in the process. Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice. Please note that there is no obligation to take the chalice and it is fine still to receive communion in one kind only (the bread). If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing instead, please do come forwards as well.*

## Music Group Anthem

We shall break bread (Words and music: John L Bell)

## Hymn 472

You are the vine and we are the branches,  
prune and make us bear more fruit.  
We have been cleansed by the word you have spoken;  
abide in us, and we in you.

You are the vine and we are the branches,  
apart from you we are nothing at all.  
Teach us to love as you have commanded,  
come to us now, abide in us.

You have commanded us to love one another  
there is no greater commandment than this.  
No greater love has been shown to your people,  
than to lay down your life for us.

*Gordon Giles (b. 1966) based on John 5:15*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards of those good things  
which we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and  
worship you  
now and always.**

**Amen.**

## ***The Sending Out***

### **Hymn 532**

*Please stand*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him, O praise him!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
*O praise him, O praise him!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light:  
*O praise him, O praise him!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
*O praise him, O praise him!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
*O praise him, O praise him!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933) based on St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

### **The Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace,  
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak; help the afflicted;  
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please do join us for refreshments outside (or inside if raining!)  
Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have  
finished with it. If you can, please give generously to our harvest appeal  
on your way out.*

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## Notices: October 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>: Harvest Festival All Age Eucharist**

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Parish Eucharist

1230 Baptism of Rory Davis

6pm At St Nicholas, Old Marston a joint Evensong with the two choirs. All are welcome to attend, so please do come along and support this service.

### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

### **Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

#### **2023: A time to build: Exciting Updates!**

**Start date** Our anticipated start date for the building work is

**Monday 9th October.** The work is expected to take nine months, and we hope to remain in the church building for as much of this time as possible. We hope to share regular updates on the progress of the work via the notices and email list.

#### **Finance**

We are able to forwards with our project thanks to the generous support of individual donors, grant bodies, and a loan from Methodist Chapel Aid. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising campaign, and to everyone who has supported the process with their prayers. We still need to raise money to repay our loan, and so our fundraising will continue for as long as needed. If you haven't yet been able to send in a pledge form, we would love to hear from you! We hope that everyone who has sent in a pledge has now been contacted. Please do contact David Knight in the first instance (contact details from the parish office) if you have not heard about this.

If you would like to make a donation directly into our building fund account, the details are:

Account name: HTHQ

Sort Code: 20-65-20.

Account no: 83117634 (Please include your name as a reference)

**Graves and memorials** The vicar and churchwardens are keen to ensure that all those who tend graves or memorials in the churchyard are able to have any questions or concerns they have with regards to the building works answered where possible and kept in touch with the development's progress. If this applies to you or anyone else you know please let Helen in the Parish Office have the contact details so that you can be kept in touch with any relevant information.  
[office@hthq.uk](mailto:office@hthq.uk) or 762931 Tues - Thurs 8.30 – 12 noon only.

**Prayer requests** Please continue to hold the project in your prayers. As the psalmist writes: 'unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build it in vain' (Psalm 127.1). We ask you all to pray especially for wisdom for our architect and contractors, and for peaceful relations with our neighbours and local residents affected by the work.

God of vision and hope,  
we thank you for our church building;  
a place of prayer and pilgrimage,  
witnessing to your love and presence in our midst.  
We pray for our plans to develop the building  
to further the work of your kingdom in this and future  
generations.  
We pray for the guidance, resources and skills we need  
to bring the project to completion,  
and that we would be united in vision and focus  
as we work towards this goal,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. Amen.

**All Age Harvest Thanksgiving service** Due to the imminent building work, we are asking people to make a donation on the card machine on the day, which will be split between the Gatehouse Charity and the local Community Foodbank.

**Julian Group.** The October meeting will be on **Friday 6th October at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington.** We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then discuss it before having a social time with tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: **Sheila Allcock 01865-769630**

**Headington Quarry Village Hall** are hosting an **Autumn Craft Market** on Saturday **7th October** 9am till 1pm. Lots of local stallholders coming with a range of handmade crafts. Refreshments will be available and funds raised will go towards a new kitchen for the village hall. Please come and support your local village hall as well as local crafts people.

There will be a **Fair Trade stall** in church on **Sunday 8th October**. For sale there will be delicious chocolates and biscuits and other good things to eat and as an added bonus you can feel virtuous buying them as you will be supporting Fair Trade. We will also be selling tea and coffee and health and beauty products. You can pay with cards or cash so come and be tempted and buy.

**Frideswide Pilgrimage** on Saturday **14 October**: Emily will be leading a group from Holy Trinity Church, setting off at 12.30pm, to our Cathedral where there will be activities, tea in the Great Hall, and a pilgrim service. Book a place here: [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage)

**Scratch choir**: Over the coming weeks we are hoping to gather our more confident singers together to help lead us in our communion hymn. If you are willing to help, please give your name to Helen Day.

**Autumn Churchyard Tidy up Saturday 7th October** The tidy-up planned has been postponed. If you are interested in helping on a future date, please let Margaret and Janet know: we will aim to fix a date that works for as many of us as possible.

**Save the Dates**: The next two talks in the Autumn Eco Talks Series will be 'Extraordinary Shotover: History, Flora, Fauna and Climate Change' by Jim Woods of Shotover Preservation Society on **Weds. October 11th**, and 'C.S. Lewis and The Book of Nature' by Revd. Laura Biron-Scott and Revd. Rob Gilbert on **Weds. November 15th**. Both talks will be in The Coach House, 46 Quarry Rd. at 7.30, followed by refreshments.  
Hilary Rollin (for Holy Trinity Eco Group).

**Asylum Welcome** *Please do not leave any fresh produce or fruit and vegetables but donate eg cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, milk (UHT) and tinned fish. Please put items in the crate at the back of church.*

You can find a list of all the items that are needed on this page: <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/food/>. Thank you for your support.

**Eco Resources List:** To view the August/September recommended resources go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/> (Hilary Rollin, Eco Church Group)

**Eco Tips** Eco Tip of the Week: As Creationtide draws to a close, how about switching to a vegetarian diet for a week (or 3 days) or seeing if you can reach the total of 30 vegetables in the week? NB Nuts and seeds count towards your total, so it's not that hard to achieve. (Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group)

**Pastoral care team** Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers below) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, or Anne Tarassenko.

## **Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

*An open door between heaven and earth,  
showing God's love to all.*

As the Anglican parish in Headington Quarry, Risinghurst and Wood Farm, we are here for every local resident. Our church is open every day. We hope that you will find God's peace as you come to pray or just sit and rest awhile. If you have questions about the Christian faith or would like to find out more about church life, please get in touch:

### **Contact us**

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